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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

-vs-

ARAKI, Sadeo et al.

SWORN DEPOSITION

Deponent: MAEDA, Minoru

I MAEDA, Minoru, upon being duly sworn,
depose as follows:

1. From 15 Oct., 1940 to 15 May 1942, as chief
of the 3rd Section of the Naval General Staff, I
was in charge of collecting and arranging all
information with reference to the Navy. The rank
I held then was Rear-Admiral.

2. During my tenure of the above-mentioned office,
we of the Navy were never informed, directly or
indirectly, by the German Govt., by Ambassador
OSHIMA, our Naval Attaché to the Embassy in
Berlin nor by any other Naval Personnel stationed

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in Germany, of any such intentions as to use submarines to massacre crews of merchant vessels, or to kill the surviving crew of such vessels that were sunk by submarines, by shooting or otherwise. In addition, the Navy never received any report from anybody to the effect that Ambassador OSHIMA had such talks with Hitler concerning the killing of crew members in the manner as stated in the above.

3. I shall further add, that during my tenure of office of the above, I never heard anything discussed as to the intention on the part of the Japanese Naval Central Authorities to adopt such measures in killing crews as in the foregoing, nor ever received any information that the Japanese Navy committed such acts.

On this 4 day of Feb., 1948

At Tokyo

DEPONENT: MAEDA, Minoru (seal)

I hereby certify that the above statement was sworn by the Deponent, who affixed his signature and seal thereto in the presence of this witness.

On the same date
At Tokyo

Witness: (signed) SHIMANOUCI, Tatsuki (seal)

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OATH

In accordance with my conscience I swear to tell the whole truth withholding nothing and adding nothing.

Maeda, Minoru (seal)

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